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GC still reeling from campus sexual assault

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GC students, faculty and staff who live and work on main campus are looking over their shoulders a little more often these days.

Between 2:30 and 3 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, GC Public Safety received notification of a sexual assault that took place behind Bell Hall.

According to the GC campus crime report, a female non-GC student asserted that she was held at gunpoint and was sexually assaulted. The suspect ran on foot towards W. Thomas Street.

A warrant was issued on February 27 for the arrest of 20-year-old Jarvis Javion Lawrence, who is also a non-GC student.

Around 4 p.m. on March 2, Lawrence was arrested and put in custody after being identified through a surveillance video as the suspect of the sexual assault.

After being apprehended by GC Public Safety, with assistance from the Baldwin County Sheriff's office, Lawrence was

taken into the Baldwin County Law Enforcement Center.

Andrea Taylor, GC Public Safety's chief information officer, said that Public Safety is not able to comment on the incident because it is still considered an open case.

Despite the speedy apprehension of the suspect, students, faculty and staff are concerned with the future safety of the campus.

"It was really shocking because it was here at Bell Hall," said sophomore Mycala Hilson, a theater major. "You think about walking in groups and being observant and ready in the sketchier areas in town, but you don't think about it on campus, even at night."

Because of the incident, GC students said they are taking a more active role being aware of their surroundings.

"I'm more skeptical, and I know not to be outside by myself. I'm more aware of others and my safety," said junior Maggie Wheeler, a biology major. "If this happens again and if I hear something, I know now to call the police."

In the residence halls, community

advisors have also become more active in ensuring resident safety.

"We expressed concern in our staff meetings about what our safety is," said Bell Hall community advisor Josh Pharr, a junior and biology major. "The comfort level of our residents is changing based on what they are hearing about what happened. We are doing our best to make precautions and letting them know their options."

Some students said it was an eye-opener knowing the incident took place on campus.

"I've always had the idea that everyone talks about 'the bubble' at GC and that it's a safe zone within campus, but personally I never felt threatened, so the shock comes from it happening so close," Pharr said.

GC faculty in Terrell Hall also expressed their concerns about being in close proximity to where the sexual assault occurred.

"Knowing it was so close was surprising to hear," said Spanish professor Aurora Castillo-Scott. "It's not good for the college, nor the whole community."

Looking forward, the students and staff said they agreed that GC police are doing the best they can to make the campus safe,

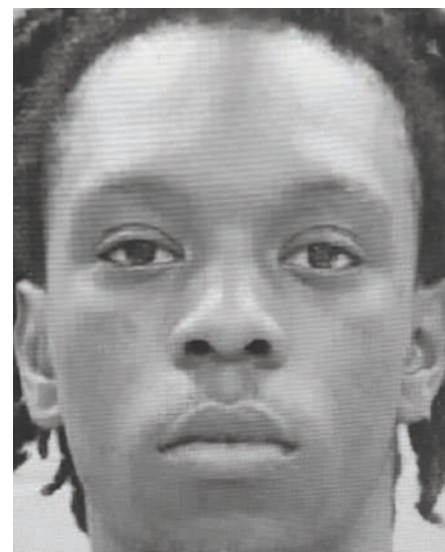


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Jarvis Javion Lawrence, 20, was arrested on March 2.

but they would like GC police to be more vigilant by having more of a presence on campus.

"I'm okay with the campus safety during the day and early at night, but it's scary knowing it's so close to us and it's basically here," Castillo-Scott said. "I think it's scary, but I hope it's just something that happened randomly and will not repeat again."



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(Left to right) Shelby Hatcher, Anthony Oltremari and Samantha Davis are patrol officers who maintain a visual presence around campus in daytime.

GC faculty and staff debate online incivility

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GC students, faculty and staff gathered in the MSU Donahoo Lounge on Tuesday, Feb. 28, to discuss how technology can create uncivil behavior amongst users, an issue at the forefront of discussion in today's society.

The panel, led by Whitney Heppner, professor of psychology, Brittney Johnson, director of public affairs for GC university communications and Kristin English, professor of mass communication, explored the many social aspects of technology, as well as the consequences of

abusing online privileges.

The panelists' main discussion point was whether or not incivility online has increased due to new available forms of social media.

"We came to the consensus that this [uncivil behavior] is probably not something new, and that it just has new forms now, which leads to a greater impact because it can spread so rapidly," Heppner said.

In addition to the correlation between new forms of social media and bad behavior online, the panelists discussed how uncivil behavior displayed by some high-profile leaders in today's society creates a less than stellar example for other users to follow.

"We talked about modeling positive behavior and how that's not really being done very well by people who are in high authority," Heppner said. "People are modeling bad behavior online and lashing out when they see something they don't like."

Because today's digital world is rooted heavily in what internet browsers want to see, users have the ability to surround themselves with material that aligns with their beliefs. This artificially agreeable environment is beginning to lead to a society where users are less willing and less able to hear viewpoints that are different from their own.

This phenomenon prompted panelists to pose the question of

whether or not the idea of civil debate has begun to dissolve.

"Twenty years ago, if there was a debate in politics or something in the community, you would sit down and have those discussions over the dinner table or lunch with your friends," Johnson said. "And now, because of everything being available online, I'm making my views known publicly instead of just in a private or intimate setting."

Because today's younger generations have grown up nearly fully immersed in the digital age, students are witnessing first-hand how anonymity can lead to extreme thoughts and communications outside the normal face-to-face boundaries

of interpersonal etiquette.

"I feel like social media causes many problems socially, because people are not always real and authentic," said sophomore Abbey Chakalos. "[Social media] allows people to hide behind a screen, and many people say things they don't always mean."

So how can we put an end to uncivil behavior online?

"There's no silver bullet," Johnson said. "I think that the consensus was that it really is about education, and teaching online etiquette, in that how you treat people face-to-face should also translate into how you interact with people on the digital platforms."



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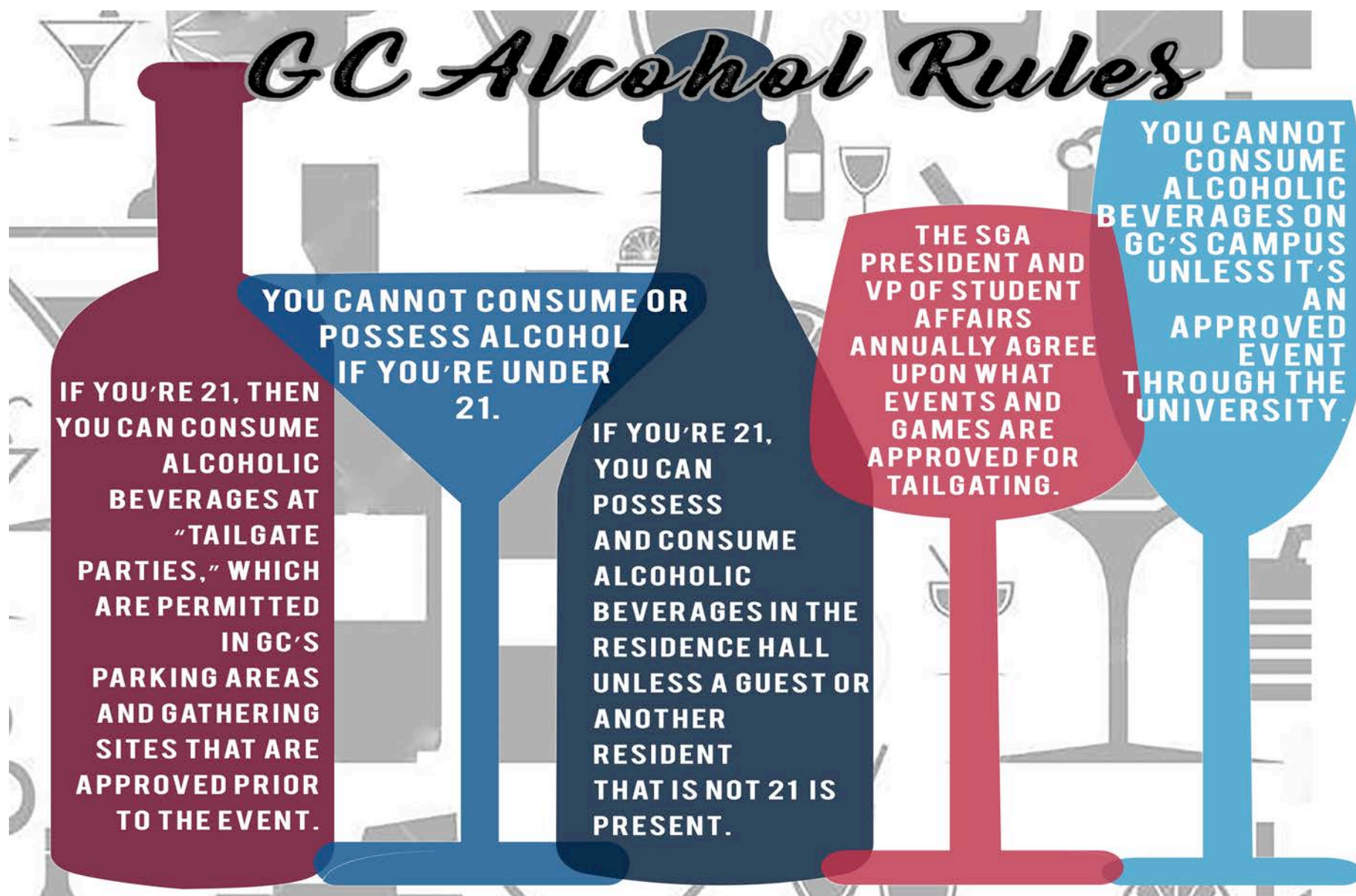
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A student's guide to GC's alcohol policies



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GC's alcohol policies, which closely follow state laws regarding alcohol, consist of two main tenets. The first is that students who are not at least 21 years old are not allowed to possess or consume alcohol, and the second is that students who are of legal age are only allowed to consume alcoholic beverages on university property under specifically approved circumstances.

"Our alcohol policy follows state law, so there's not a lot of nuances to our policy," said Dr. Andy Lewter, dean of students. "It's pretty simple; it's basically two pieces of policy."

The student policy on alcohol can be found in the student handbook.

According to the policy, students that are of legal age are only permitted to drink on university property during approved occasions. Annually, the president of

GC's Student Government Association and the vice president of Student Affairs agree upon school-sponsored events on campus that will allow alcohol, including "tailgating parties."

Alcohol is allowed at "tailgating parties," which are permitted in predetermined locations such as parking areas and gathering sites on GC's campus. Underage drinking, kegs and disorderly conduct are prohibited at such events.

The director of Campus Life, Tom Miles, said it's very rare that SGA encounters problems at tailgating events. Even at Tent City, in which 4,000 to 5,000 people participate annually, the number of incidents are minor.

"Alcohol is very well under control in terms of people doing stuff on university property and at events," Miles said.

Although alcohol consumption is generally only permitted at approved events, students are also allowed to possess and consume alcoholic beverages in residence halls if the student is of legal

age. However, the resident is not permitted to consume or have alcohol visible in the presence of any guest or resident that is not of the legal age in the residency.

"I'm sure underage drinking occurs frequently despite the policies," said community advisor Lindsey Poe, a senior and English major, regarding alcohol policies in residence halls. "Regardless of how I feel, University Housing is following Georgia state law with its alcohol policy. I think it helps to keep the residents safe, and if the policy wasn't enforced, we'd be condoning underage drinking."

The 2016 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report compiled by GC Public Safety states that in 2015, 19 liquor law arrests and 146 liquor law violations were referred for disciplinary action on campus.

Miles said the ultimate objective for these policies is the safety of the students, faculty and staff, as well as the university overall.

"Our job is to help mitigate risk. We'll never eliminate risk, but we will work to

mitigate it, and we work with our students to lower their risk," Miles said. "A part of that is educating the students about drinking responsibly."

GC's Health Movement promotes education around campus that brings awareness to high-risk alcohol behavior. In September, the movement partnered with GC Housing and the Resident Student Association to host the annual GC Hall Crawl, where over 100 students were screened for alcohol/drug abuse.

"Our students do have a choice to engage in low-risk behavior or high-risk behavior," said Rachel Pope, university health educator and health movement advisor. "Drinking to excess, even just one time, comes with many serious consequences."

From March 14-16, GC's Health Movement will host Safe Spring Break Days in hopes to encourage students to make low-risk decisions during spring break.

"A DUI simulator will be brought to remind students we want them to have a safe trip—and come back," Pope said.

Housing sees drop in upperclassman leases

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GC Housing is where many students make their earliest college memories. However, many kiss their dorms goodbye in May of freshman year and are off to sign their first off-campus leases.

But some students, like junior Danny McGuirk, choose to continue to make those memories in on-campus housing.

“I chose to live on campus again for a couple of reasons,” McGuirk said. “The biggest one being I had a big course load this

year, and I didn’t want to have to worry about taking a shuttle to campus or driving and finding a place to park.”

McGuirk lived at West Campus his freshman year, moved into an apartment his sophomore year, but now resides back on campus where he said he feels like he is getting the real college experience.

But some students who chose to move off campus permanently, like junior Alex Adams, said they made the choice for the freedom from the dorms.

“I didn’t want to have a CA or to share a room,” Adams said. “I

wanted to have my own space and feel more grown-up than I would if I lived in the dorms again.”

GC offers single rooms specifically for upperclassmen, and instead of being neighbors with freshman, the surrounding students are the same age.

Even though there are some upperclassmen living in GC housing, there is enough room to host around 700 to 800 of these students, and there are still open beds.

Matthew Terry, GC Housing’s assistant director of marketing and communications, explained that GC housing has seen a decrease

in leases because of all the new establishments offering housing to students.

“It is hard to compete with these complexes when they are offering incentives to sign leases,” Terry said. “Students are seeing building plans and signing leases without seeing the final product.”

Even with the decrease in leases, on-campus housing costs have remained the same. Ultimately, GC Housing loses money when the beds are not filled, but Terry said he is not too worried right now.

“The competition is short-lived. They won’t be new

anymore and everything always balances out. This decrease is short-lived,” Terry said. “We are trying and researching new ideas that will bring the students back. It is all about community.”

Statistics show that students who live on campus have higher GPAs and are more involved on campus. Like McGuirk said, students are simply just more informed when they are immersed in campus life.

But the fact GC Housing has open beds this year does not mean anything negative for the school, Terry said. It is a simple balance of competition that will even out in due time.



Kellie Murphy / Staff Photographer

Junior Alex Adams says she chose to move off campus because she wanted to have her own space.

Campus sounds off on Georgia House Bill 51



Ada Montgomery / Senior Photographer

Shelby Hatcher, a GC patrol officer, says many sexual assault survivors don't pursue criminal charges because of the lengthy process involved.

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While GC Public Safety has arrested the suspect in the recent sexual assault that occurred on Feb. 25 behind Bell Hall, newly proposed state legislation could significantly change investigative proceedings in sexual assault cases on Georgia's college campuses.

Georgia House Bill 51 would require any employee or representative from a postsecondary institution to report their knowledge of felonies like sexual assaults to law enforcement, bypassing Title IX confidentiality provisions for certain campus employees and offices such as university counseling services. Additionally,

the bill would give local law enforcement the authority to determine whether to investigate and eventually prosecute a case, a decision which, under Title IX, is currently left up to the sexual assault survivor.

House Bill 51 would also require any on-campus investigation of the case to be conducted by campus law enforcement departments staffed by state-certified officers.

Furthermore, a university disciplinary hearing could only take place if a criminal investigation were to occur. The bill would also prevent universities from taking any final disciplinary action, such as expulsion, until the the subject of the investigation was convicted under Georgia's first offender law.

Junior Katelyn Smalley, an early childhood education major,

said she believes the choice should belong to victim of the crime.

"I think the victim should always have the choice themselves to go to law enforcement. It shouldn't be decided for them," Smalley said. "Sometimes they need to talk to someone who's specifically trained to help them through such trauma first, such as the people who work at the Women's Center. It's a very scary, confusing time after an assault, and to be forced to go to the police isn't always in the best interest of the victim."

Junior Gideon Smith, an English major, said he thought the bill could have a negative effect because not all college students have as much of a friendly relationship as he says GC students do with GC Public Safety.

"Not every college community is lucky like GCSU to be so close with both campus and local police," Smith said. "By cutting that access, the school would no longer have the same connection with students' safety and concerns of discipline within a school's code of conduct."

Senior Nicole Mandato, a theater major, argued that the current system established within universities doesn't allow proper investigation to occur.

"Okay, so from my understanding, right now if someone were to be sexually assaulted on the GC campus and didn't want the police involved, they would report it to the title XI coordinator who could offer counseling without being legally bound to report it to the authorities," Mandato said. "The issue with that is that the

person who sexually assaulted the other may never be properly investigated. The crime that they committed is never handled by the proper channels."

Mandato said Title IX is not the answer in its current incarnation and that she thinks new laws could bring welcome change.

"It doesn't allow for a proper course of action on a crime, because sexual assault is a crime that needs to be reported so that it can become less of an occurrence," Mandato said.

Patrol officer Shelby Hatcher said the bill's purpose is to streamline the process of reporting sexual assault on campus.

"It's hoping to increase prosecution in terms of sexual assault, however, we are probably going to see a reduction in reporting," Hatcher said.

THIS WEEK AT GC

A calendar of events

Career and Internship Expo

Wed. March 8 @ 11 a.m.

Magnolia Ballroom

At this networking event, over 50 employers will be recruiting for full-time and part-time jobs, internships and summer opportunities. Resumes and professional attire are required.



Archaeology Lecture

Thurs. March 9 @ 5:30 p.m.

A&S Auditorium

Dr. Thaddeus G. Bissett will present on why all archaeology is rescue archaeology and how modern archaeologists are working to rescue what's left of the past.



Drag's Not Dead

Thurs. March 9 @ 11 p.m.

Buffington's

The Pride Alliance will present a night of drag and bingo, hosted by Dana Brigance. Tickets are \$5 with cash and \$6 with card and may be purchased at the door or ahead of time at the A&S fountain.



International Dinner

Sat. March 11 @ 7 p.m.

Magnolia Ballroom

At GC's 32nd annual international dinner, attendees will enjoy foods from all around the world and performances by members of the International Club.



All Week Long

Historical Exhibit: The Strip

The Sallie Ellis Davis House is hosting an historical exhibit on Milledgeville's African-American business district, known as The Strip, that thrived from the early 1900s through the 1970s as a result of segregation. Tours are given every Wednesday and Friday.

For more information, visit frontpage.gcsu.edu.



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Traffic stop turned arrest

Date: Feb. 23

Case: A traffic stop turned into the arrest of a woman with an outstanding warrant when Officer Grant approached the driver of a vehicle that was stopped in the middle of the crosswalk at the intersection of Hancock and Clarke streets. When asked for her driver's license, the woman said that she did not have it because she lost it a few days before. Officer Grant ran the name she gave him through dispatch's database and learned there were two outstanding warrants from Clarke County Sheriff's Office. After contacting that office, Officer Grant learned the warrants were for charges for identity theft, giving a false name and underage possession of alcohol. The woman was arrested and transported to the Baldwin County jail.

Brac requested

Date: Feb. 23

Case: While on patrol near Hancock Street, Officer Powell saw a man throw down a plastic cup on the sidewalk. Officer Powell approached the man and immediately noticed the odor of alcohol on his breath. The student said that he was 18 years old, and that he had not consumed much alcohol that evening. The student picked up the cup, and Officer Powell issued him a citation for the underage possession of alcohol, advising the student that he would be referred to Student Judicial. The student said he wanted to see how intoxicated he was and requested to have a breath test conducted. He registered a .075 Brac.

Drove drunk, got arrested

Date: Feb. 23

Case: While on patrol at 2 a.m., Officer Powell saw a vehicle failing to maintain its lane by crossing over the double yellow lines. After initiating the traffic stop, Officer Powell made contact with the woman, who displayed physical signs of intoxication: bloodshot eyes and an alcoholic odor on her breath. The woman said that she was coming home from the library and that she had not consumed alcohol that evening. Officer Powell asked the woman to conduct a field sobriety test, which she was unable to complete due to her state of intoxication, and she refused to consent to a breath test. Officer Powell placed the woman under arrest for driving under the influence and transported her to the Milledgeville City Jail. Upon arrival, the woman became aggravated, cursed out Officer Powell and refused to sign her citations. She was booked and processed.

Two guys and a drink

Date: Feb. 19

Case: While on patrol at 3 a.m., Officer Braumuller noticed two men drinking a bottle of Captain Morgan while sitting on the steps of the Exchange Bank. After making contact with the two men, Officer Braumuller noticed the men displayed physical signs of intoxication: glassy eyes, lack of balance and the odor of alcohol on their breath. One of the men poured out the remaining alcohol, and both were given citations for underage possession of alcohol and having an open container containing alcohol in public.

Beer in the bush

Date: Feb. 18

Case: A GC student attempted to hide a beer can in the bushes in front of a GC residence hall when he noticed Officer Braumuller across the street. When Officer Braumuller made contact with the student, Officer Braumuller noticed the student and his friend had the odor of alcohol on their breath. The two men gave Officer Braumuller four other cans of beer in their possession and their fake IDs. Both students were issued citations for the underage possession of alcohol and referred to the student judicial.

GC mascot energizes students across campus

An inside look at the student behind Thunder the Bobcat



Courtesy of GC Athletics

Thunder waves the GC flag in front of fans during halftime at a Bobcat women's basketball game last season.

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Thunder the Bobcat, GC's mascot, has been responsible for bringing school spirit to campus for years. Whether at a pep rally or a sporting event, or even simply walking around campus, Thunder is always busy energizing students.

The enthusiastic bobcat who plays Thunder said her favorite part of being Thunder is that nobody knows who it is.

"It could be anybody," she said. "Most people don't know Thunder is a girl, not Thunder himself but me, who is inside of it. Most people imagine Thunder is played

by a guy."

The individual who plays Thunder said the few people who do know her identity did not expect it to be her.

"I guess I'm more shy in my classes, but when I am in the suit I'm super energetic and I don't really care what people think."

Thunder's energy is also appreciated by GC athletes.

"Thunder means a lot," said redshirt junior Desmond Mitchell-LaFlam, point guard for the GC men's basketball team. "Thunder interacts with everyone and keeps everyone in tune to the game. Having Thunder at the games is huge for us."

Thunder said its favorite method for exciting a crowd is to start dancing.

"Dancing is my go-to," Thunder said.

"I have no idea how I look, but it's okay because I'm out there having fun. If maybe they seem bored, I'll have a flag to wave around. I look right at them and try to get them hyped up."

Freshman Natalie Capps, a pre-nursing major, recalled a basketball game in which Thunder began dancing with the cheerleaders and got the whole crowd involved with the cheering.

"I think getting the crowd involved is essential to any event, because it keeps the crowd entertained and hyped for the game," Capps said.

Mitchell-LaFlam said an excited crowd is helpful to the team. "Playing at home and having the crowd into the game and being loud is awesome," Mitchell-LaFlam said.

When not busy hyping up sports fans at pep rallies or games, Thunder can be found interacting with students at various GC events.

"I like how our mascot shows up at other events besides just sporting ones," Capps said. "You can find Thunder all around campus and involved with various organizations."

Capps also said she likes how Thunder walks around campus to take pictures with students to encourage school spirit.

The student behind Thunder loves interacting with students and even visiting kids, but for her, the anonymity of the job is the best part.

"As long as I'm at this school I plan to keep playing Thunder."

Polk juggles tennis team and honors program

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Macy Polk is a senior, chemistry major, tennis player and honors student. For the past four years, she has been in the GC honors program and represented her school while playing on the women's tennis team.

Polk said it has been difficult for her, but over time she learned how to manage her time when it came to balancing her studies and tennis.

"When I am at a match, doing warmups, I know that this is where my focus needs to be," Polk said. "When I know I have tests coming up, I know to start studying way ahead of time so that I don't have a lot to deal with at once."

Steve Elliott-Gower is the director of the GC honors program and has been the faculty advisor for the GC women's tennis team the past two years. He said he recognizes how difficult it is to be in

the honors program in addition to being an athlete, and that the only answer to balancing both is having good time management skills and discipline.

"Polk really epitomizes what it truly means to be a student-athlete," Gower said.

The tennis season is five months long, consisting of practice every weekday and matches at home or on the road on weekends. Throughout this time, GC head tennis coach Steve Barsby said he sees how hard Polk works and plays. Barsby also said that when they are on the road and staying in hotels, she is always in one of the offices or study areas in the hotel.

"Polk really epitomizes what it truly means to be a student-athlete."

*Steve Elliott-Gower,
Honors Program director*

"Macy is the ultimate student-athlete," Barsby said. "She never complains or is in a bad mood."

In her spare time, Polk likes to hang out with her friends in Herty Hall or relax by watching Netflix in her dorm room.

This season, Polk has posted a 3-2 record in doubles. The women's team this year has six players, the minimum for a Division II team, so the players are constantly encouraging each other with the added pressure of playing every match.

Polk said that her other biggest supporters are her parents, who have always been behind her, especially as her last semester here comes to an end. After graduation, Polk hopes to attend medical school.

The women's tennis team will be back in action at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 10, at home against Auburn University at Montgomery.



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Macy Polk follows through with a backhand to return a serve.



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Macy Polk serves the ball to her opponent.



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Women's basketball season comes to a close

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The GC women's basketball team ended their season finishing 15-12 on the year, and 9-10 in the Peach Belt Conference. The 2016-17 year was marked by ups and downs for the team, as the Bobcats started strong, winning seven of their first eight games, but eventually went on losing streaks of three and four throughout the season.

Head GC women's basketball coach Maurice Smith is optimistic about the progress the team made over this past season and is looking forward to building upon the winning culture that was fostered in the locker room.

"It was good to see our team grow together throughout the season," said Smith, fresh off his seventh year as head coach. "One of our goals this season was to have a winning record overall and make it to the Peach Belt Tournament."

The Bobcats were solid defensively, ranking seventh in the nation in defensive field goal percentage, and Smith expects that will be the cornerstone of the team moving forward.

"We need to improve our offensive efficiency, but there are some good takeaways that we can improve on going forward," Smith said.

A strong core of senior players led the Bobcats throughout the year. One such leader was senior point guard LaRice



Courtesy of GC Athletics

Veronica Ryan shoots a free throw during the homecoming basketball game against Clayton State.

Walker, who led the team with 4.5 assists per game. Walker spoke optimistically of the team going forward.

"This year, it took us a little longer to mesh together on the floor. We've got a lot of new players, so that's difficult for anybody," said Walker, a four-year starter for GC. "Towards the end of the year, we started playing for each other, and coming together a little bit better."

Walker took on a major leadership role this year as a senior.

"A lot of new, younger girls were depending on my leadership, my example, especially as a point guard, on and off the

floor," Walker said. "My leadership was the main thing I tried to focus on to mesh us together and keep us going."

In her final year as a Bobcat, Walker tried to leave a lasting impression on the culture of the locker room.

"As a team, I just wanted us to believe in ourselves and, regardless of trials and tribulations, ups and downs, that we could lean and depend on each other," Walker said.

The bond Walker and the three other senior players instilled will help a young, growing Bobcats team heading into next year.

One player primed and ready to step into a leadership role next year is junior forward Alyah McGriff. McGriff led the Bobcats in scoring last season, averaging 15.1 points per game, and shot just over 50 percent from the field. McGriff said that the example set by Walker and the entire senior class has prepared her to come on strong as a senior next year, and she is welcoming the challenge.

"In the offseason, I'm going to be doing more dribbling and shooting workouts, and plan on lifting more to become stronger," McGriff said. "I hope to make more of an impact next year on the court."

UP NEXT...

Friday 3/10

Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Auburn Montgomery	Baseball vs. Montevallo
1:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

Saturday 3/11

Softball vs. Francis Marion	Baseball vs. Montevallo
GM1: 12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
GM2: 2:00 p.m.	

Sunday 3/12

Baseball vs. Montevallo	Softball vs. UNC Pembroke
1:00 p.m.	GM1: 12:00 p.m.
	GM2: 2:00 p.m.

“Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves’ (Luke 10:3). This verse is my favorite because Jesus calls us to lay at his feet and be filled up. It also wants us to go make disciples in the midst of the evilness that takes place in our world.”

-Bryan Roberts, junior and micro major



Q: What would you write on your gravestone? Compiled by Ben Lord

“When I die I want my grave to have the Wi-Fi symbol on the front, so people will visit me more often. I like silly things and that would fit my personality.”

-Leigh Purington, junior and physics major



“Leave a six pack before you go. I like this little quote because it would remind my friends of the good times we have had.”

-Hayden Dempsey, junior and criminal justice major



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HIDDEN FIGURES NO MORE

Movie screening marks Black History Month, Women's History Month

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Last Thursday night, the GC Women's Center and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life showed a screening of the 2016 film "Hidden Figures". The film was shown to celebrate the end of Black History Month and welcome in Women's History Month.

"Hidden Figures" follows the lives of three African-American women who work for NASA in the 1960s. Set during the era of segregation, the film shows the women through their experiences as black females in a white male-driven atmosphere.

Senior Somma Okoye attended the screening, and was pleased to see such an important messages of race and equality expressed.

"It was a really great movie, and I'm glad the women are getting the credit that they deserve," Okoye said.

Audience member Alexis Smith said she felt the movie brought attention to racial issues that were going on during

that time and highlighted the perseverance shown by the women.

"It means a lot to me in terms of history and it's very monumental for my race," said Smith. "I think a lot of people needed to be exposed to this movie because there was so much more about what was going on in the world with the schools, protests and segregation."

A discussion was held following the film where the audience was able to interact and share their feelings on the movie. The discussion focused on the topics of sexism and racism that were portrayed in the film.

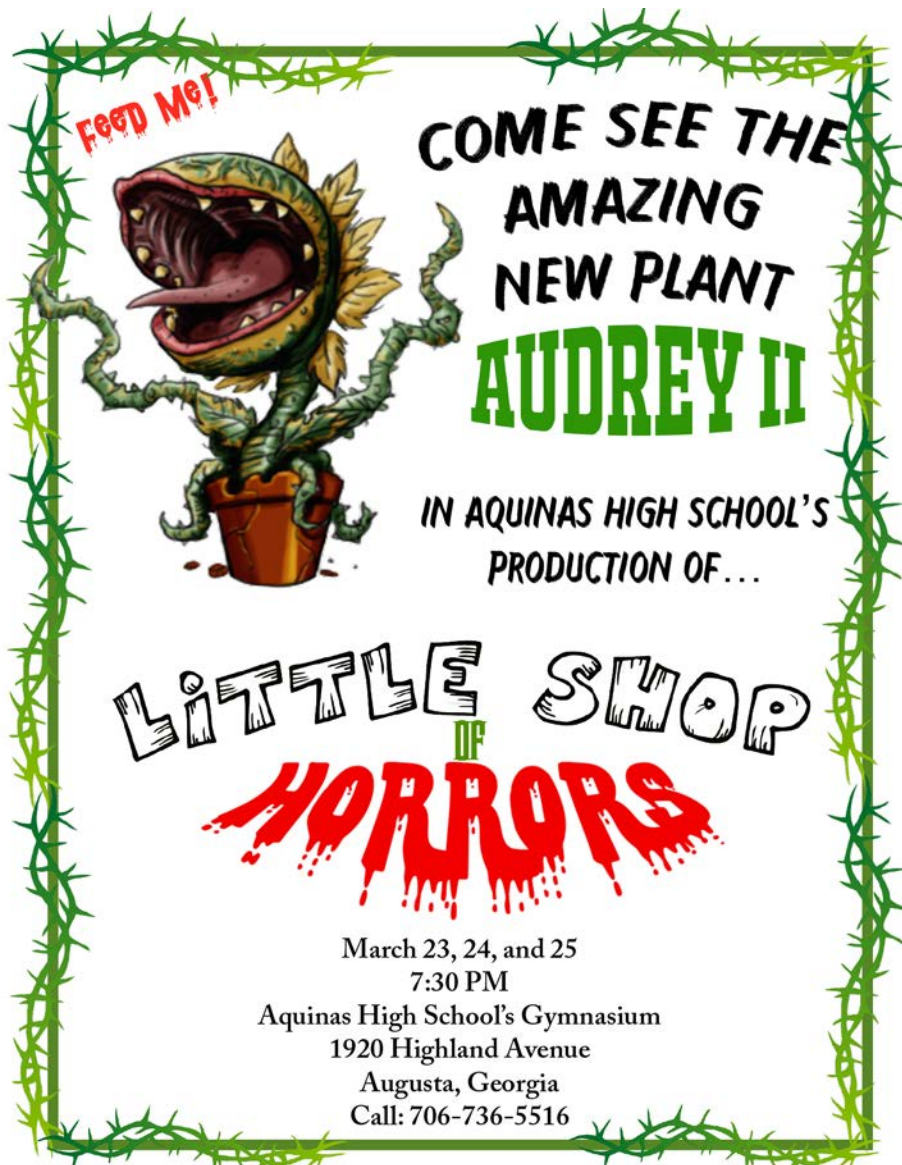
The discussion was led by Stacy Milner, who is the assistant director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, and Jennifer Graham, director of the Women's Center. They chose to screen "Hidden Figures" because of its relevance to the end of Black History Month and the beginning of Women's History Month. The movie highlighted important aspects for both months and was brought to campus in

order to show the importance of perseverance and strength.

"This was such a profound movie that celebrates what black women did in that time," Milner said. "For the students to be able to see what it looks like for them and compare it to how it used to be is extremely important."

Graham said she agreed that the prevalence of the film to modern times was what made the screening so timely.

"You feel so many things from this movie because so many of the things that happened in the movie are things that are still happening now," Graham said. "When we talk about the fact that these women were facing sexism and racism at different times and at the same times. That is still something we see today."



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Staff Photographer)



Students gather in Magnolia Ballroom for a screening of the film "Hidden Figures."

GARDENS IN TIGHT SPACES

Local experts from the Gardening Club and The Green Market offer advice for starting home gardens

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With spring weather settling in on GC's campus, now is the time to start growing things.

But with limited space in residence halls and student apartments, local experts from the Gardening Club and The Green Market weigh in on how to grow your own garden at home.

Andrew Wright, the president of the Gardening Club, said that growing small plants and herbs is quite easy.

"It's about understanding what the plant requires," Wright said. "Some plants, such as succulents, can die if you overwater them, whereas herbs need to be watered more frequently."

For the best chance to successfully grow your own food, Wright recommends good soil and a spacious pot with a

hole to drain excess water.

Debbie from The Green Market (held every first and third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon) also recommends growing herbs or succulents for the first attempt at growing anything.

She says that succulents are the easier of the two, since they require little water but direct sunlight so they can sustain themselves with little effort on your part.

For the herbs, she suggests starting out with thyme and rosemary as easy herbs to grow. She also sells small starter kits for college students interested in attempting to grow their own plants.

"Growing your own plants is actually very therapeutic," she said. "It's very empowering to see your work turn into something."

Michael, another vendor at the Green Market, also recommends having a sunny area.

"Good soil will help support the plant and be able to absorb water the best way possible," he said.

When the Green Market is closed, a simple trip to Home Depot can get you a pot, soil and some seeds so you can start your own garden for a little less than \$10.

If you are feeling even thriftier, starting your own compost is a great way to make your own nutritious soil. According to the blog Young House Love, all you need is a solid bin, a lid, and some leftover soil.

Too busy to start your own garden? The Gardening Club hosts community work days at the garden on West Campus so you can spend some time outside this spring.



BOBCATS' TOP FIVE

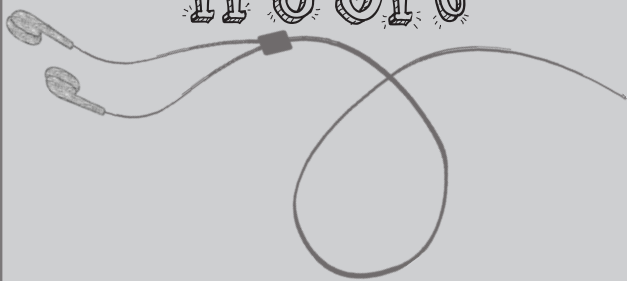
For Spring Break

BOOKS



1. "Things Fall Apart," by Chinua Achebe
2. "Harry Potter & the Order of Phoenix," by J.K. Rowling
3. "The Last Song," by Nicholas Sparks
4. "Since You've Been Gone," by Morgan Matson
5. "The Little Prince," by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

MUSIC



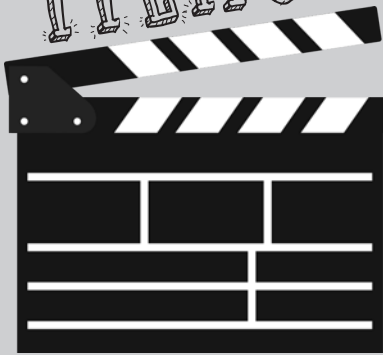
1. Rainbow Kitten Surprise
2. George Strait
3. Judah & the Lion
4. Alan Jackson
5. Julien Baker



EXCURSIONS

1. Road trip to Savannah, Georgia, for the weekend
2. Eno down at the Greenway
3. Swimming with the dolphins
4. A ski trip to Colorado
5. Hike/explore Amicalola Falls

FILMS



1. "Get Out"
2. "Logan"
3. "Beauty & the Beast"
4. "Sweet Home Alabama"
5. "Lion"

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